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Title: METHOD FOR DETERMINING NUCLEIC AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

4. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized by the following step:

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- k) addition to the characteristic information of the particular homologous biosequences which is to be assigned to the potentially important species sequences by acquisition of references (links) relating to the biosequences acquired according to step f) in the second databank to at least one third databank and acquisition of the information stored in the third databank on the biosequences mentioned.

5. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the third databank holds ready a classification organized taxonomically at least in part regions.

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8. (Amended) Method according to claim 2, characterized in that the comparison of a given (classified) list of keywords is carried out at least with the Medical Subject Headings of the Medline Databank.